

# A Dialogue in the Prophetess Set by M<sup>o</sup> Hen: Purcell

Tell me why, tell me why my charming fair, tell me why, tell me why you thus deny me;

can despair, can despair, or these sighs & looks of care, make Corinna ever fly me,

ever fly me, tell me why, tell me why my charming fair, tell me why you thus deny me;

Oh Mirtillo you're above me, I respect but dare not love ye, She who hears inclines to Sin, who

parties half gives up the Town & ravenous love soon enters in, when once the out works beaten

down: then my sighs & Tears won't move ye, no, no, no, no, no Mirtillo you're above me, I re-

-spect but dare not love ye: no, no, no, no, no Mirtillo you're above me, I respect but dare not

love ye, I respect but dare not love ye: Could this lovely charming Maid, think Mirtillo would deceive her,

could Corinna be afraid, She by him should be betray'd, no, no, no, no, too well, too well I love her,

therefore cannot be above her, oh, oh, oh, oh, let love with love be paid; my heart, my life, my

heart, my life, my all I give her, let me now, now, now, let me now, now, now, ah now, now, now receive her.



Oh how gladly we beleive, when the heart is too, too willing; can that look that face deceive,

can he take delight in killing; ah I dye, ah I dye, I dye if you deceive me, yet I will, I

will, yet I will, I will beleive ye, ah I dye, ah I dye, if you deceive me,

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